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1. INDOCHINA

HOUSE APPROVES 86.2 BILLION COMPROMISE DOD APPROPRIATION

BILL THAT INCLUDES 700 MIL DOLS IN MILITARY AID FOR SVN.

MEASURE NOW GOES TO SENATE FOR LIKELY FINAL APPROVAL

LATER THIS WEEK (AP SUN, GLOBE; WP).

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GVN GIVES ICCS 2.8 MILLION DOLS TO BAIL IT OUT OF

FINANCIAL CRISIS. MONEY ENABLES COMMISSION TO PAY

PA AND E, WHICH THREATENED TO WITHDRAW ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

SERVICES BY 9/28 (CHITRIB). MARKHAM (NYT) REPORTS THAT

GVN REP TO TPJMC CONTRASTS SAIGON'S DECISION, MADE DESPITE POOR ECON SITUATION, WITH NVN AND VC REFUSAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO ICCS ON GROUNDS THAT US CONTINUES TO "INTERFERE" IN SVN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND REFUSES TO MAKE "REPARATIONS" TO HANOI. PA AND E SPOKESMAN SAYS THAT UNTIL MONEY IS "IN THE BANK" HIS FIRM WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT IS PULLING OUT. MARKHAM NOTES THAT IF GVN PAYS ON TIME, ICCS DEBT OF 1.5 MILLION DOLS TO PA AND E WOULD BE COVERED; WITHDRAWAL OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES WOULD OBLIGE SOME 400 TRUCE OBSERVERS TO ABANDON 40 COUNTRY-WIDE SITES. SEES SUCH AN EVENTUALITY AS VICTORY FOR COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE ALWAYS FAVORED SMALL

PEACE-KEEPING CONTINGENT LOCATED IN SAIGON. REVIEWS PAYMENT SHARES STIPULATED IN C-F AND US CONTRIBUTION SO FAR THIS YEAR. SAYS COMMISSION MEMBER OBSERVES THAT GVN DECISION TEMPORARILY SOLVES PROBLEM BUT NEXT MONTH SAME SITUATION WILL OCCUR SINCE "WE ARE LIVING FROM HAND TO MOUTH."

UPI FROM SIEM REAP (BALTO N-A 9/23) REPORTS THAT IN LATE AUGUST FANK RECAPTURED THREE BUILDINGS ON SE FLANK OF MAIN GROUNDS AT ANGKOR TEMPLE COMPLEX. SEES GAIN AS OF BOTH MIL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE. FANK ATTACKED IN "UNUSUALLY AGGRESSIVE STYLE" AS PART OF UNHERALDED OFFENSIVE TO DRIVE COMMUNISTS FROM TEMPLE AREA. THROUGHOUT WAR EACH SIDE HAS BLAMED OTHER FOR DESTROYING THE TEMPLES; WHILE IN OCCUPATION, COMMUNISTS HAD ERECTED BUNKERS ON SACRED GROUND AND SCRAWLED "OBSCENE DRAWINGS" ON WALLS OF RECAPTURED TEMPLES.

2. KOREA

ABOUT 4,000 STUDENTS AT EWAH U HELD PRAYER MEETING IN CAMPUS CHAPEL MONDAY, AND COLLECTED SIGNATURES DEMANDING ROKG RELEASE ALL STUDENT POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS. ALSO RC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL ON REALIZATION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, HELD PRAYER MEETING DEDICATED TO "THOSE IMPRISONED FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE AND RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY," AND CALLED ON GOVT TO FREE ALL POLITICAL DISSIDENTS, INCLUDING 13 CHURCH LEADERS (NYT). AP (SEOUL) REPORTS SK MILITARY APPELLATE COURT MONDAY REDUCED PRISON TERMS GIVEN 19 PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLATING PARK DECREES FORBIDDING POLITICAL DISSENT. SENTENCES FOR FIVE OTHERS WERE CONFIRMED (NYT).

IN SEOUL, LAT'S JAMESON (9/22) REPORTS THAT BISHOP CHI, IN MESSAGE SMUGGLED OUT OF JAIL, TOLD POPE PAUL VI THAT HE HAD TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL RATHER THAN

(IN "OBVIOUS" REFERENCE TO PARK) "WILL OF A HUMAN BEING." MESSAGE EXPLAINED WHY HE SPOKE OUT IN JULY AGAINST PARK'S DECREES. JAMESON SAYS COPIES OF MESSAGE AND SECOND LETTER ENTITLED, "MESSAGE FROM PRISON," WERE SMUGGLED OUT "BY MEANS THAT CANNOT BE DISCLOSED." JAMESON OBTAINED MESSAGES IN SEOUL, INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES IN POSITION TO KNOW VERIFIED THEIR AUTHENTICITY, AND BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED OUT OF PRISON ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO.

IN NEITHER MESSAGE DID CHI SEEK HELP TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON; AND IN BOTH HE DENIED CLAIMS BY PROSECUTORS THAT HE NOW CONSIDERS HIMSELF GUILTY OF HAVING TRIED TO INSTITUTE REBELLION AND IS REPENTANT.

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IN SEPT. 23 SEOUL DISPATCH, JAMESON REPORTS 40-MAN DELEGATION OF US BUSINESSMEN PLEDGED ITS "FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION" IN ROKG ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT 15 BILLION DOLS IN FOREIGN CAPITAL AND TO ACHIEVE ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME OF 1,000 DOLS BY 1980. PLEDGE CAME IN JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY ECONOMIC COUNCILS OF KOREA AND US AND WAS BACKED BY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THREE US FIRMS ARE CONSIDERING INVESTMENTS AROUND 300 MILLION DOLS. WHILE CONFERENCE SHIED AWAY FROM POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ISSUES, SAYS JAMESON, FACT IT WAS HELD AMIDST CRISIS IN SK-JAPAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SERVED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO UNDERScore ROKG'S RENEWED INTEREST IN ATTRACTING US CAPITAL. EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE PLACED ON INVESTMENTS FROM US, SK BUSINESSMEN ARRANGED MEETING FOR THE AMERICANS WITH PARK, "WHO RARELY MEETS ANY FOREIGNERS." PM KIM ALSO ADDRESSED DELEGATES, ANNOUNCED SK WILL REVISE ITS FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAWS AND SIMPLIFY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO MAKE INVESTING EASIER. KIM'S COMMENT WAS CITED AS REASON FOR WHAT WAS CALLED "ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT" BY 3M CO. TO OPEN VENTURE IN SK.

STATEMENT ALSO SAID DOW CHEMICAL IS CONSIDERING INVESTMENTS WORTH UP TO 200 MILLION. BUSINESSMEN ANNOUNCED THAT VENTURE BY OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND TWO AFFILIATES TO ESTABLISH "LARGEST CATTLE OPERATION IN ASIA" IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE ABOUT 200 MILLION DOLS IN EXPORT INCOME FOR SK WITHIN NEXT FEW YEARS.

3. CHINA

GLOBE REPORTS FIL SPOKESMAN IN PEKING ANNOUNCING THAT CHINA PLEDGED TO SUPPLY PHILS "CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES" OF CRUDE OIL BEGINNING NEXT YEAR. PROMISE CONTAINED IN LETTER (SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF MRS. MARCOS) WHICH

SAID PEKING IS WILLING TO BUY SUCH PHIL COMMODITIES
AS SUGAR, TIMBER, AND COPPER ORE.

GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS IN PEKING REPORTS CHOU
HAD HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH MRS. MARCOS AT HOSPITAL,
WHERE HE UNDER TREATMENT FOR HEART AILMENT, THUS
ENDING MORE THAN SEVEN WEEKS OUT OF PUBLIC EYE (CSM).

CSM QUOTES MAURICE STRONG, HEAD OF UN ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAM, THAT CHINA'S "PEOPLE-ORIENTED TECHNOLOGY"
POSSIBLY COULD PROVIDE MODEL FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

OF LARGE-SCALE, LOW-COST, POLLUTION-CONTROL PROGRAMS.
STRONG IN PEKING AS GUEST OF CHINA'S ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTION OFFICE. JOHN BURNS NOTES THAT PRC
PARTICIPATED IN 1972 STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND CONTRIBUTED 250,000 DOLLARS TO FIRST YEAR OF UNEP'S
FIVE-YEAR, 500 MILLION DOLLAR FUND. CONTRIBUTION WAS
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IN NONCONVERTIBLE CHINESE FUNDS AND MUST BE SPENT IN
CHINA; THIS WILL BE A TOPIC STRONG WILL DISCUSS DURING
VISIT. BURNS SAYS STRONG'S WEEK VISIT IS TOO SHORT
TO SEE MUCH AND WHAT HE DOES SEE IS LIKELY TO AVOID
THE NEGATIVE. POLLUTION IN SOME SECTORS OF CHINESE
INDUSTRY, STEEL, FOR EXAMPLE, STRIKES MANY FOREIGN
RESIDENTS AS EVEN WORSE THAN IN WEST. HOWEVER,
TRIP WILL GIVE STRONG SOMETHING AGAINST WHICH TO
MEASURE BOLD CLAIMS TO POLLUTION-CONTROL BY PRC DELEGATES
AT STOCKHOLM.

NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK REPORTS PRC ACHIEVEMENTS TO INCREASE
FOOD PRODUCTION ARE DRAWING GLOWING PRAISE FROM AMERICAN
PLANT SCIENTISTS AFTER 4-WEEK TOUR OF RESEARCH INSTITU-
TIONS AND COMMUNES. SCIENTISTS FOUND THEIR HOSTS
EXTREMELY RETICENT WHEN ASKED FOR CROP ESTIMATES BUT
CAME AWAY WITH GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT CROP ABOUT TO BE
HARVESTED WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD, POSSIBLY BEST CHINA
HAS KNOWN.

4. JAPAN

JCP JOINS SOHYO IN ANNOUNCING THEY WILL "RESOLUTELY
OPPOSE" PRES. FORD'S NOV. 18-22 VISIT TO JAPAN (WSJ,
CHITRIB, GLOBE).

TANAKA ARRIVES IN OTTAWA FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT THAT WILL
INCLUDE SEVERAL HOURS OF TALKS WITH TRUDEAU (UPI,
JOC; GLOBE).

NYT'S TRUMBULL, IN OTTAWA, SAYS ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS
WILL HAVE PRIORITY IN TANAKA-TRUDEAU TALKS. NOTES

JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN CANADA IS ABOUT 390 MILLION DOLS AND THAT "THERE IS SOME SUSPICION" OF JAPANESE -- ONE VANCOUVER COLUMNIST FEW MONTHS AGO CALLED BRITISH COLUMBIA "THE NEW MANCHURIA" WHICH JAPANESE HAVE WON "WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT." BUT CANADIANS WELCOME JAPANESE POLICY OF LIMITING THEIR SHARE IN CANADIAN ENTERPRISES TO 40 PERCENT, IN CONTRAST WITH US DOMINANCE OF KEY INDUSTRIES. YET, CANADIANS ARE WORRIED BY JAPANESE EMPHASIS ON BUYING RAW MATERIALS AND WOULD PREFER THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE NATURAL RESOURCES FIND THEIR WAY TO JAPAN IN FORM OF PRODUCTS WHOSE MANUFACTURE WOULD CREATE JOBS FOR CANADIANS.

TRUMBULL FINDS CANADIANS CONFIDENT THAT TANAKA WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO THEIR POINT OF VIEW. NOTES TANAKA'S SUGGESTION TO CANADIAN NEWSMEN THAT JAPAN AND CANADA SHOULD FORM "TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP" WITH US. ON JAPANESE SIDE, THERE IS DESIRE FOR CLARIFICATION OF NEW CANADIAN POLICY OF SCREENING FOREIGN INVESTMENT. DOUBTFUL THAT TANAKA-TRUDEAU TALKS WILL PRODUCE ANYTHING CONCRETE IN THESE AREAS; ONE RESULT EXPECTED IS SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER EXCHANGES TO PROMOTE RELATIONS.

CHITRIB REPORTS EXPORT SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN FROM PORT OF CHICAGO INCREASED 130 PERCENT TO 143 MILLION DOLS DURING 1973, ACCORDING US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL. BUT THIS IS ONLY SMALL SLICE OF EXPORT CAKE, SINCE MOST MIDWEST FARM AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS ARE SHIPPED TO JAPAN FROM GULF AND WEST COAST PORTS. CHICAGO'S INCREASE WAS PART OF GENERAL BOOM IN BOTH VOLUME AND VALUE OF JAPAN'S PURCHASES IN US. TOTAL US EXPORTS TO JAPAN ROSE BY 67 PERCENT TO 8.2 BILLION DOLS, ACCORDING COUNCIL, WHILE ALL US SALES ABROAD ROSE 43 PERCENT. FUJI BANK OPENS REPRESENTATIVE BRANCH OFFICE IN CHICAGO, ITS THIRD IN US (WSJ).

5. AUSTRALIA

AMB. GREEN DESCRIBES AS "UTTERLY FALSE" REPORTS THAT CIA MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO AUSSIE POLITICAL PARTIES, AS SUGGESTED IN AITCHISON BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SUNDAY (CSM).

REUTER CANBERRA (CSM) TALKS OF GREEN ANT DEAL IN AUSTRALIA. SAYS MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR DEAL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH ABORIGINES TO ALLOW EXPLOITATION OF URANIUM-RICH PLOT IN TRIBAL LAND 60 MILES EAST OF DARWIN. UNDER ARRANGEMENT, ABORIGINAL WORKMEN WILL BE

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USED WHENEVER PRACTICAL, AND ROCKS THAT NATIVES REGARD AS EGGS OF SACRED GREEN ANT WILL BE PROTECTED. BUT CONSERVATIONISTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT SACRED BURIAL SITES AND UNIQUE ROCK CARVINGS AND PAINTINGS. FURTHERMORE, TO REACH URANIUM DEPOSITS, ROAD MUST BE BUILT THROUGH HOME OF EXTINCT TRIBE THAT IS AREA OF GREAT HISTORIC, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE TO ABORIGINES.

FLIGHT ACROSS PACIFIC BY ACTRESS MAUREEN O'HARA AND

HER PILOT HUSBAND ON WWII FLYING BOAT DELAYED BY REQUIRED GOA PAPER WORK -- EXPORT LICENSES, REGISTRATION TRANSFERS, ETC (AP, CHITRIB).

6. PHILIPPINES

ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL PUTS FORWARD CONCILIATION PLAN TO RESTORE PEACE IN SOUTHERN PHILS, ACCORDING PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN. MARCOS REPORTEDLY HAS MET MUSLIM LEADER AND GIVEN HIM EVERY FACILITY TO CARRY OUT PLAN (REUTER, CSM).

7. THAILAND

JOHN STEINBECK, JR., JUST OUT OF THAI PRISON AFTER SERVING 30-DAY SENTENCE ON DRUG CHARGE, DECLARES IN HK THAT BEING JAILED WAS "GREATEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE," ALTHOUGH HEALTH CONDITIONS IN PRISON WERE "DEPLORABLE." DECLARES HE RECEIVED "HUMANITARIAN" TREATMENT, JAIL OFFICIALS FED HIM WELL AND LET HIM PLAY FLUTE (NYT).

8. SOVIET PACIFIC A-TESTS

USSR ANNOUNCED MONDAY IT WILL CARRY OUT 10 DAYS OF MID-PACIFIC MISSILE TESTS BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AND WARNED ALL SHIPS AND PLANES TO STAY CLEAR. AREA SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES NW OF MIDWAY IS SAME WHERE SOVIETS HELD SIMILAR SERIES OF TESTS IN FEB. (UPI, CHITRIB).

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EECC VICE-PRES SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES ARRIVED IN JAKARTA MONDAY FOR TALKS WITH ASEAN TRADE MINISTERS (AFP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

FROM PP, S-N'S BRADSHER (SEPT 21) REPORTS US EMB CONCERN OVER RETURN OF LON NON, WHOSE DEPARTURE FROM CAMBODIA IN APRIL 1973 WAS ENGINEERED BY EMBASSY BECAUSE HIS INFLUENCE ON HIS SICK AND RECLUSIVE BROTHER WAS FELT TO ACCENTUATE TENDENCIES TO RUN COUNTRY IN UNOFFICIAL, CORRUPT WAYS, HINDERING FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENTS. AFTER LON NON WAS LURED OFF TO US, KHMER CABINET MINISTERS INDIRECTLY CHOSEN BY US DIPLOMATS FOR THEIR ABILITY TO WORK UNDER

AMERICAN INFLUENCE BECAME MORE IMPORTANT AND LON NON'S INTERVENTION WAS REDUCED. US OFFICIALS ARE NOW WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE REVERSION TO EARLIER PATTERN, WITH CONSEQUENT REDUCTION OF THEIR INFLUENCE.

BRADSHER SAYS SOME CAMBODIANS DO NOT SEE SITUATION THIS SIMPLY, CITING SENIOR GOVT MINISTER: "THE AMERICANS USED TO BLAME LON NON FOR MUCH OF THE CORRUPTION AND ANARCHY IN THE GOVERNMENT. BUT HE WAS GONE FOR 17 MONTHS AND THE CORRUPTION AND ANARCHY HAVE BEEN JUST AS BAD, MAYBE WORSE. SO MAYBE IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE HAVING HIM BACK."

EMBASSY HAD ALREADY BEEN UNHAPPY, BEFORE LON NON'S RETURN, OVER ABSENCES OF TOP OFFICIALS WHO THEY FELT SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN COUNTRY TO EXPLAIN NEED FOR ECONOMIC CHANGES AND DEAL WITH THEIR POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

CONCERNING HIS FUTURE, LON NON SUGGESTED TO NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE MIGHT FUNCTION AS A LEADER OF SOCIO-REPUBLICAN PARTY. LONG BORET'S CABINET IS DOMINATED BY SRP MEMBERS, BUT LON NON SAYS MORE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF PARTY LEADERSHIP COULD STRENGTHEN GKR. UNCLASSIFIED

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LON NON SAYS HE EXPECTED PRESENT CABINET TO REMAIN, ADDING THAT CABINET "HAS STRENGTH ALREADY, BUT WITH MY INFLUENCE THAT STRENGTH WILL BE MULTIPLIED." IN REPLY TO QUESTION, LON NON FORESEES NO OBSTACLE IN COOPERATING WITH AMB. DEAN, BUT OBSERVERS ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS. OBSERVERS SEE IN LON NON REMARKS DIRECT IMPLICATION THAT HE EXPECTS TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN AFFAIRS, APPARENTLY WITH ELDER BROTHER'S APPROVAL.

LAT'S MCARTHUR IN SAIGON (SEPT 22) REPORTS THAT CORRUPTION IS SPURRING OPPOSITION TO THIEU AMONG RCS AND BUDDHISTS. THIS AND HIS MANY AND REAL DOMESTIC WOES HAS KEPT THIEU'S ATTENTION RIVETED ON GOVT. MATTERS OF LATE. TRADITIONAL ANTI-COMMUNISM OF SVN RCS, PARTICULARLY THE MILLION REFUGEES FROM

NVN, HAS ALWAYS MADE CHURCH HIERARCHY HESITANT TO WANDER FAR FROM NOMINAL PRO-GOVT POSITION AND IT IS MEASURE OF THIEU'S POLITICAL TROUBLES - CORRUPTION, RAMPANT UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION, DECREASING US AID, CONTINUING WAR - THAT CHURCH WISHES TO GET CLEAR OF GOVT. TAR BRUSH. TALK ALSO PREVAILS ABOUT NEW POLITICAL EFFORT BY ONE-TIME MILITANT BUDDHISTS OF AN QUANG PAGODA, HEADED BY THICH TRI QUANG.

THIEU AWARE THAT CORRUPTION ISSUE MIGHT WELL BE LAUNCHING PAD OF HIS POLITICAL OPPOSITION. HE HAS

ALSO BEEN TOLD - BY US EMBASSY AMONG OTHERS - THAT PERVASIVE CORRUPTION OF THE BUREAUCRACY WAS AMONG THE GREATEST OBSTACLES TO ATTRACTING VITAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THIEU HAS ADVANCED PROSECUTION OF MANY CORRUPTION SCANDALS, BUT BIG FISH REMAIN UNTOUCHED. CORRUPTION IS READY-MADE ISSUE WHICH THIEU IS UNLIKELY TO SOLVE, CONCLUDES MACARTHUR.

11. CHINA

HEARST'S JEFFREY HART (BOSTON H-A SEPT 19) REVIEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF PRES. FORD'S U OF MICH SPEECH AND SENATOR JACKSON'S STATEMENTS UPON RETURN FROM PRC, BOTH HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO CHINA. HART THINKS NEITHER INTENDED UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS COMMENTS BE TAKEN LITERALLY; JACKSON WAS DESPERATELY TRYING TO WOO HIS PRINCIPAL ANTAGONISTS ON LEFT WING OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY SHOWING "FLEXIBILITY," WHILE FORD WAS TRYING TO SWING WITH MAO. COMMENTS THAT FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES, BOTH APPEARED CLOWNISH.

IN LETTER TO NYT EDITOR, DARTMOUTH ASST PROF OF EA STUDIES AND MRS. DANA MAJOR CONTEND THAT DEBATE OVER ISSUE OF "ONE CHINA" OR "TWO CHINAS" OVERLOOKS POINT THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF TAIWAN POPULATION HAS HAD NO SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTION WITH MAINLAND FOR CENTURIES. WHILE ETHNICALLY CHINESE, THEY ALSO HAVE DISTINCT CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC DIFFERENCE, AND DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS TAIWANESE. SAY ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED UNDER PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION - THROUGH PLEBISCITE HELD UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES. GREAT POWERS SEEM CONTENT TO IGNORE THIS PRINCIPLE ON UNJUST AND HISTORICALLY ILL-FOUNDED GROUND THAT TAIWAN IS INTERNAL ISSUE OF CHINA. AS USUAL WHEN GREAT POWER INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED, A LITTLE-KNOWN AND DEFENSELESS PEOPLE WILL BE SOLD DOWN THE RIVER.

CSM'S POND IN MOSCOW DESCRIBES INCREASING VOLUME OF ANTI-PRC ATTACKS IN SOVIET MEDIA, SUGGESTING TO

WESTERN OBSERVERS THAT MEDIA GEARING UP FOR OCT 1 ANNIVERSARY OF PRC'S FOUNDING. FINDS NOTHING NEW IN SUBSTANCE OF CRITICISMS.

LONDON OBSERVER'S DENNIS BLOODWORTH (LAT SEPT. 22) IN SINGAPORE DISCUSSES PRC EFFORTS TO WOO HEARTS AND

MINDS IN AFRICA. VIEWS EFFORTS AS HAVING SEVERAL MOTIVATIONS: TO ECLIPSE TAIWAN IN AFRICA, BEFRIEND COUNTRIES RICH IN COPPER AND URANIUM, RIVALRY WITH USSR, AND CONTAIN AND ISOLATE IMPERIALISTIC SUPERPOWERS - US AND USSR - IN THIRD WORLD. AFRICA, ASIA AND LA INCLUDED IN LATTER.

12. WESTERN SAMOA

LAT'S LAMB (9/23) IN APIA TELLS OF CONFUSION OF SAMOANS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN FACE OF CHANGE THAT MANY DO NOT WANT. YOUNG MEN GO OFF TO NZ AND REMITTANCES HELP ECONOMY BUT ARE INFLATIONARY, MANY RESIDENTS IGNORE LAND AND LIVE OFF EXPATRIATE EARNINGS. LAMB SEES COUNTRY BEING FORCED INTO 20TH CENTURY AND WONDERS WHAT WILL BECOME OF ITS CULTURE. QUOTES LOCAL EDITOR THAT SAMOANS WANT MODERN AMENITIES BUT DON'T WANT TO "THROW AWAY OUR CULTURE" AND THERE IS NO EASY ANSWER. SEES COUNTRY VIABLE ONLY THROUGH NZ AID SINCE CURRENCY OVERVALUED, TRADE DEFICIT BIG AND LITTLE INDUSTRY OR INVESTMENT. SAYS NATION IS MOVING AWAY FROM ONE-PARTY SYSTEM POLITICALLY WITH FORMATION BY YOUNGER PARLIAMENTARIANS OF PARTY TO PROTEST THE CONSERVATIVE AND "SOMETIMES LETHARGIC" POLICY OF PRESENT SOMEWHAT CORRUPT GOVT. LAMB OPINES THAT PROBLEMS ARE NOT UNIQUE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND CITES EXAMPLES TO INDICATE PROGRESS SINCE INDEPENDENCE. COMMENTS THAT GOVT'S POLICY TO PURSUE STEADY ECON GROWTH WITHOUT DISRUPTING CULTURE MAY WELL BE CONTRADICTORY AND MAY FORCE CHOICE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND TRADITIONS IN YEARS AHEAD.

13. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

FROM YANGORU VANTAGE POINT, WP'S GREENWAY DISCUSSES CARGO CULTS AND SOME OF CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS. NOTES THAT SINCE MELANESIANS CAME INTO REGULAR CONTACT WITH EUROPEANS, THERE HAS BEEN AN UNDERCURRENT OF FEELING IN SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS THAT THE WHITE MAN HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CHEAT THE NATIVE OUT OF HIS SHARE. THIS FEELING SURFACES IN FORM OF CARGO CULTS - A SEMI-RELIGIOUS BELIEF THAT A GROUP OR AN INDIVIDUAL HAS FOUND THE MAGIC FORMULA TO INSURE THAT ALL WHITE MAN'S CARGO WILL AT LAST BE DELIVERED TO

INDIGENOUS NATIVES AS GOD AND THEIR ANCESTORS ALWAYS
INTENDED. CULTS CURRENTLY DORMANT, BUT WITH APPROACH
OF INDEPENDENCE, THERE IS NERVOUSNESS AMONG PNG
ADMINISTRATORS THAT THEY WILL EMERGE AGAIN TO ADD TO
NEW COUNTRY'S ALREADY CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS. GREENWAY
SEES CULTS AS BASICALLY CRIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND

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